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Examiner Name	HOFFMAN, JOHN M.
Title:	"METHODS FOR PRODUCING OPTICAL FIBER BY FOCUSING HIGH VISCOSITY LIQUID"

Dear Sirs:

This Communication is submitted along with the payment due in response to the "Notice of Allowance and Fees Due" dated March 8, 2004.

In the "Reasons for Allowance" the Examiner indicated that claim 17 is allowed because of the "pressure chamber positioned downstream of the flow of stream of molten viscous liquid." Applicants point out that the claim 17 actually states as follows:

"supplying a focusing fluid to the pressure chamber whereby the fluid enters through an entrance port of the pressure chamber and exits through an exit port of the pressure chamber positioned downstream of the flow of the stream of molten viscous liquid."

Applicants point this out in order to avoid any confusion with respect to what is not taught within the prior art that the entire phrase needs to be read in totality and not merely a portion thereof as suggested within the "Reasons for Allowance."

In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document or petitions are required applicants petition for any required relief and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of fees including fees for petitions to our Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number FLOW-011.

Respectfully submitted,
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